

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (New) A contact screw for conductive cores of a shielded cable comprising a shank with screw threading and a contact tip, wherein a section of the contact tip provided for penetrating cable insulation has a coating of insulating material, and an exterior surface of the coating includes threading having a pitch which is greater than a pitch of the screw threading on the shank, wherein the screw is constructed and arranged to move axially in a connecting device due to said threading.

7. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 6, wherein the contact tip and the coating are configured to taper toward the end of the screw.

8. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 6, wherein the threading on the exterior surface of the coating is a multiple helix.

9. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 8, wherein said multiple helix is a double helix.

10. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 7, wherein the threading on the exterior surface of the coating is a multiple helix.

11. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 10, wherein said multiple helix is a double helix.

12. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pitch of the threading on the exterior surface of the coating is at least twice the pitch of the screw threading on the shank.

13. (New) The contact screw as claimed in claim 6, wherein the end of the contact tip is conically-shaped and the coating is positioned between the shank and a shoulder of said end.